

# The Evening World

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## THE BEEF TRUST'S DEFIANCE.

The action of the Beef Trust in advancing the price of beef two cents a pound is at once a challenge to the Government and a slap at the public. Ever since Commissioner Garfield's wishy-washy report the trust has taken new courage. It met the criminal proceedings by attempting to bribe or intimidate witnesses. Several of its employees who "knew the tricks" were sent out of the country—an action that was equivalent to confession. And now, with no good reason, it arbitrarily increases its prices.

Meanwhile the President is hunting, and the trust goes on breaking the law and defying the orders of the highest Court. The only thing the people can do is to refuse to buy beef. As the warm weather is approaching, this abstinence will be good for the health of most of us. A cessation of demand has brought the trust to terms before now.

## TO REGULATE STREET TRAFFIC.

The Legislature should have no hesitation in passing the bill giving to the police of this city the explicit right to establish and enforce rules for safeguarding the danger points in our streets and to facilitate traffic.

The success of the regulations already established by the mounted police at points of greatest congestion is unquestioned. They have not only made safe for pedestrians crossings heretofore most dangerous, but they have helped the vehicular traffic by preventing blockades.

There are a few selfish or cranky drivers who think they "own the streets," and ought to be permitted to "go as they please" on the public thoroughfares. They need to be taught that the streets belong to all the people and that traffic and travel on them are subject to such rules and regulations as will promote the public safety and secure "the greatest good to the greatest number."

The object of the proposed amendment to the charter is to confirm the right of the people to a regulated and safe traffic in their streets. It should pass.

## CANONIZING THE BOSS.

Some citizens of Brooklyn have asked that a new park in one of the downtown districts be named after the late Hugh McLaughlin.

New York has a fireboat named after Richard Croker. Perhaps the cross-river borough ought not to be denied this simple tribute to its lamented boss. Yet if it were possible for the people to get back their rightful holdings the McLaughlin estate would be confiscated and the proceeds restored to the public treasury from which they were taken by the sale of the people's privileges, from which this man gained his wealth.

McLaughlin's life was spent in holding back the progress of the community until he and his associates had exacted their tribute. None of them went to jail, and sanctification seems to be coming their way.

## NEW FRIENDS OF THE BATH.

A week ago, so the story is told, the poor children of the upper east side peeped through the doors of the new One Hundred and Ninth street free baths, and dared not enter. Over the threshold were the strangers—Brightness and Luxury. This could be no place into which to take their old familiar, Dirt.

It is different now. The children and the bath are acquainted. Every day little processions led by teachers wend their way through Harlem streets to the place where soap and water freshly wait. The children come to the baths eagerly and go away rosy. From 100 per day the bath attendance has risen to 500.

The pathos of the One Hundred and Ninth street affair is no plainer than the moral, which is that beyond most local improvements the multiplication of free baths is important.

## TO CHECK DIVORCE.

Illinois proposes to check the number of divorces by prohibiting divorced persons from marrying within one year. This restriction applies as well to the innocent as to the guilty party. Its violation is punishable criminally and a new marriage is declared void if contracted within the year's limit.

Marital statistics support the conclusion that the majority of divorces are had for the purpose of remarriage. A permanent separation differs from a divorce only in that it does not permit marriage to some one else. If divorced persons were not permitted to remarry the number of divorces would doubtless be greatly lessened. In divorce decrees in New York it is usual to insert a provision forbidding the remarriage of the defendant, but this provision is commonly evaded by going to New Jersey or some other State to have the second marriage ceremony performed.

If divorce were only a matter of private concern there would be no occasion to ask the judgment of the courts, any more than for the mutual surrender of any other private contract. It is because public policy regards the unity of the family and the preservation of the home as considerations superior to the gratification of individual desire that the law does not allow divorce by mutual consent. Legal separations, however, can always be had when both parties are agreed.

The worst "break" in Mayor McClellan's administration was his signing of the Remsen Gas grab, giving Gov. Odell the honor of vetoing it. Will he now duplicate this blunder by vetoing the bill to hold down the Hold-Up Aldermen and give to Gov. Higgins the sole credit for approving it?

It is "play ball" to-day on the Polo Grounds. The weather was made on purpose, and the lovers of the great American game will celebrate the event with uncorked enthusiasm.

Another tenement-house fire this morning. How many other horrors are coming through criminal construction, inefficient inspection and uncivilized overcrowding?

## The People's Corner.

Letters from Evening World Readers

**Joe-Jitsu.**  
To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Frank is the pronunciation of the word "Joe-Jitsu".  
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**New York's Parks.**  
To the Editor of The Evening World:  
There are people in New York who are longing for a sight of the country and green fields, to rest their eyes. Does it never occur to them that New York is in the most beautiful spot in the world? There is no place more in the city than at One Hundred and Ninth street, where the Central and Columbia University rise on the heights above beautiful Morning-side Park. GRACE N. TALBERT.

**A Question of Alimony.**  
To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Should a woman receiving alimony get married does her alimony cease or not?  
J. L.

Chapter 230, Laws of 1904, states that upon proof of second marriage, divorce for order for payment of money for support of wife will be modified by annulling such provision.

## Said on the Side.

JUSTICE GAYNOR'S ruling that "every dog is entitled to one bite and every horse to one kick" admits of alarming possibilities as a precedent. On the same line of reasoning may it be held that every automobile is entitled to smash one vehicle, every burglar to enter one house and every alderman body to practise one hold-up?

Theatrical trust might allege that "The Auctioneer" was naturally looked to for a bargain.

The kiss of linked sweethearts long drawn out which delayed an ocean liner's sailing must have been of the kind which juries assess at \$500 each.

Chicago boy who has tired of his name of Smith and wants to get rid of it is probably too young to realize its superior advantages for hyphenization. When he grows up he may become John Cholmondeley-Smith or J. Raphael Smith.

"Has your husband had any luck with the racket?"  
"Yes," answered young Mrs. Perkins. "He has been feeling ill all week and couldn't go out to the track."—Washington Star.

"Pop" Anson, graduate ball player, now City Clerk of Chicago, thinks that "as a restful place New York has Philadelphia beat by two innings," and he is coming here to recuperate. Perhaps a morning spent at an Equitable directors' meeting, an afternoon at the Theatre Trust trial and an evening in a Tenderloin rabbitier will lead him to modify this opinion.

Reported from Indian Territory that at least 10,000 papposes will share in the allotment of land promised by the Government to all Indian children born before March 1. There are methods of discouraging race suicide which are not available in cities.

Note that it is a Pittsburgh millionaire who is to "fight the Steel Trust." The Pittsburgh millionaire manages to make a good deal of news in the intervals between declining Cabinet offices, buying Fifth avenue mansions, settling the pace on "The American Riviera" and spreading his domestic difficulties on the records of the divorce courts.

To be observed that the Philadelphia woman who studied law to prosecute her former suit in court and gained the largest verdict of the kind on record was a schoolma'am.

Two indictments of Beef Trust officials by a Chicago Grand Jury, but the four-cent rule of prices will provide ample funds for counsel fees.

Aunt Jane—Is your husband all you thought he was?  
Emma—Well, yes, I think he is; but I am sorry to say he is far from being what he thinks himself to be.

Manila now provided with a trolley car system "as complete as that of any city of similar size in the United States." Approach of the "step-lively" and "care-ahead" era shows that the civilization of the Philippines is progressing at a rush-hour pace.

Uncle Sam exhibits his general connoisseurship by deciding, between decisions regarding the status of frogs' legs and scissors blades, that Miss Cassatt is a real artist.

Report that Harvard students were going in for the simple life finds some corroboration in the story of seniors playing marbles in the college yard.

Squad of bicycle policemen in Paris increased from 400 to 1,000. Wondered if their Parisian politeness is up to the present high standard of Mr. Maadon's cycling Chesterfields.

The 3,514 Sioux Indians who have petitioned the Government for the division of the \$50,000 acres of land granted them at the Standing Rock Agency in 1899 "signed" the memorial with their thumb marks. Hint in this for bankers and Mayors who have bonds to sign in 10,000 lots.

"Rose Pastor's long hunt for father, Bride-to-be of Phelps finds extra part here after twenty years of separation and is brought face to face with him in an east side shop." Brief headline romance furnishes an odd instance of fact confirming the fiction of the drama, which has made New York alternately laugh and cry through the evenings of a long theatrical season.

Al De Mustash—Your wife's costume to-night is charming. It simply beggars description.  
Justin De Bunch—And dat reminds me of a conundrum—why am I like description?—Cleveland Leader.

Man with eyes like a bat's, unable to see by day, but with a keen sense of sight by night, has come to the town where there is most for such eyes to see.

Project under way at a medical college to collect the brains of the world's great men for laboratory study. The microscope has revealed some strange sights to the human eye, but nothing so extraordinary as that of tiny brain cells which move the world.

Essayist on "Shakespeare as a Ladies' Man" says, in the Boudoir: "His men may be true, and marvelously true, but his women are Nature's Nature, but his attack many false notes in reading of men, but what false note has he ever struck in treating of women? With that precision and truth has he pierced the central fact—the fact from which all radiates in the apparent complexities of woman's nature; namely, that the affection or vanity, in combination or singly, are to her as that reason, all that morality, all that inspire, base or pure are to men."

Hoped that no advertising agent knows anything about the "strange luminous body which appears nightly on Cherbourg and baffles French scientists."

"War resumed by the great ocean lines," with the prospect for a naval battle nearer home.

## What Do We Care for the Law?

By J. Campbell Cory.

### BEEF TRUST SCHEDULE

RIBS OF BEEF	25¢	30¢
SIRLOIN STEAK	30¢	35¢
DOG MEAT (EXTRA CHOICE)	15¢	
PORK CHOPS	28¢	32¢
MUTTON	28¢	32¢
VEAL	7¢	
HAMBURGERS		
BACON		



## Does Forty Prefer Twenty?

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



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THE other day a man of experience and observation made the assertion that men after thirty-five prefer very young women, girls from sixteen to twenty-five. And the reasons he gave for the preference were these:

That young girls are not so clever as older women.

That they are more natural and vivacious, and less selfish and mean.

And that they do not try to "work" men for dinner, theatre tickets, etc.

Now, this is very good news for the girls if it is true. But is it?

Men may like young girls without preferring them. The catholicity of the masculine taste is such that it likes practically everything that wears skirts. Indeed, it is safe to assume that even Dr. Mary Walker, who dispenses with them, has not been altogether without admirers.

"Do you think men dislike clever women?" asked a clever woman anxiously of a friend the other day.

"No," replied the other. "I don't. I don't think they discriminate against any women. They like all kinds. But they don't like clever women for their cleverness. Their liking for the wise and the foolish virgin does not depend on the wisdom of the one or the cleverness of the other. But other things being equal, cleverness is no bar to

popularity except of a sort that clever women are anxious to avoid."

But it is a peculiar fact about feminine cleverness of the more usual sort that it diminishes rather than increases with time, so that a lively, vivacious girl of eighteen may degenerate into a stupid, egotist, fat matron of thirty. Cleverness in most women is simply a certain youthful vivacity. And time takes it away as it takes the sparkle from champagne, or, to use a simile more generally applicable to the sex, the froth from beer. The chief charm of the young woman, it seems to me, is her naturalness, her freedom from the small deceptions, the discreet wire-pulling that age teaches her are necessary to the proper manipulation of man.

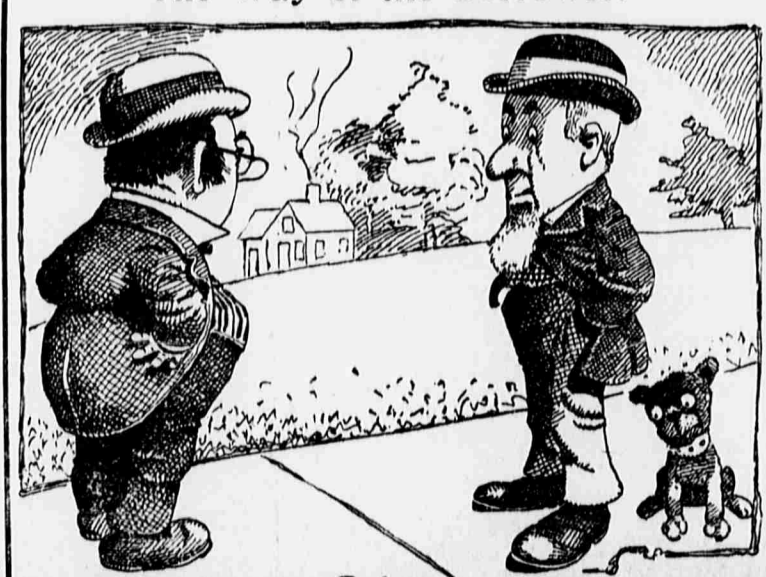
But even while she charms men she fails to master them. I would back a woman of forty in love with a man as a matrimonial winner against a girl of twenty that he was in love with every time.

So, even if men do prefer girls of twenty, the girls don't profit by it, for the women of forty will go on preferring them and coddling and bullying them into servitude.

### Don'ts to Boys.

Don't wear your hat in the house.  
Don't go into the habit of using slang. Vulgar expressions denote degeneracy.  
Don't be ashamed of gallantry toward women and girls. A gentleman is always courteous toward the opposite sex.

### The Way of the Borrower.



Smith—I forgot all about that quarter-I borrowed of you.  
Jones—I know that.  
Smith—Why?  
Jones—Because I haven't been able to meet you on the street since I let you have it.

### Such a Nice Girl, Too.



Beatrice—Did you give Freddie any hope.

Helen—Yes; I told him that you would marry him in a minute if he only gave you the chance.

### The Milky Way.



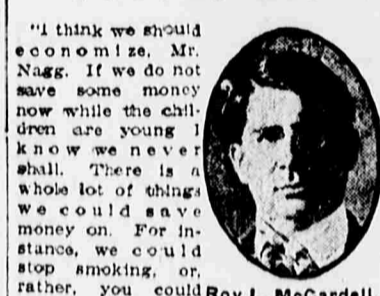
Milk Dealer—I suppose, lady, you know we keep pure milk?  
Lady—Yes, you keep the pure milk and sell the rest to your customers. I don't suppose you buy the water.

### What Shall I Give Her.

WHAT shall I give her—my little girl.  
With the soft dark eyes and the alken net  
Of tresses, with many a sun-bright curl?  
What shall I give her, my love, my pet?  
What shall I give her of beauty and bliss  
To match the bright curls she gives me to kiss?  
My love, I have given her that!  
'Tis old—  
Old as her life, though her face is young;  
I have given my darling my heart to hold,  
With the sweetest songs that my heart has sung;  
There is nothing to give her save only this—  
The kiss on the curls that she gives me to kiss.  
—Rehebech, Sunday Herald.

## Mrs. Nagg and Mr.

.... By Roy L. McCardell.



Roy L. McCardell.

"I think we should economize, Mr. Nagg. If we do not save some money now while the children are young, I know we never shall. There is a whole lot of things we could save money on. For instance, we could stop smoking, or, rather, you could Roy L. McCardell, stop smoking."

"You are always smoking a pipe, and that is a very costly habit, because I bought a pipe for a gentleman's prize for a euchre party when we lived in Brooklyn, and it cost \$1.50, and Emily Giffen won the first lady's prize, which was a Dresden china powder-box, and it cost \$1, and everybody said she cheated, because some of the punch marks in her card looked like as if they were made with a hairpin."

"I do try so hard to save a little money, but the cost of everything is so terrible, and it is all on account of the truth, and if you men had any spirit you would not put up with it."

"Brother Willie is for municipal ownership and attends all the Cooper Union meetings and the other night at one of them he found a pocketbook and there was only some dress samples and 44 cents in change in the pocketbook, and Sneeze the Fish and Robbin the Toad didn't find anything, and they are not for municipal ownership, and they say that the Cooper Union meetings are not a good place to work."

"Coming home from the meeting Brother Willie refused to pay his car fare, because he said the city had a

right to own everything and then there would be nothing to pay, and the brutal car conductor struck him a terrible blow in the face, and I want you to go to your lawyer and sue the company."

"But it is no wonder that everybody abuses that poor boy when they see the example you set. You know you assaulted Brother Willie simply because you said he was impudent to you when you told him he ought to be at work. He has a brave spirit, and he is looking for work, but he is strong enough, Mr. Nagg? You know how tired he was the day he competed in the athletic games."

"And, anyway, how can he get a good position at easy work within his strength and a large salary, for he is too independent to work cheap, unless he is better dressed?"

"So what I say is that we should all economize, and if you would stop smoking and shine your own shoes, we could have a lot of money in bank."

"It is not my fault; whenever I have money in the bank I always see some curt letter from the bank telling me my account is overdrawn, and if they were gentlemen they wouldn't mind a little thing like that."

"But all you men are alike; you don't care how you buy a woman's feelings! Yes, I will cry, Mr. Nagg, and you should be ashamed of yourself and you know it!"

### RETRIBUTION.

"Since the ossified man has been making love to the fat girl, he is harder than ever."

"Well, hasn't he been making himself solid?"—Detroit Free Press.

## The "Fudge" Idiotorial

### A Chant of Ourselves.

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Hi! Now come the GLAD DAYS of spring! We feel in a Walt Whitman mood! Little crawling worms of other editors we will speak to you!

Sit up and listen! We will tell you WHY you are worms, WHY you are little, WHY you crawl! It is because you are NOT US!

Come to us and learn to LIE lustily! We know it all! What we do NOT know is NOT KNOWLEDGE!

Do you not perceive, little worms, that we have STOLEN your clothes and made them fit US! But what of it? They were NOT clothes until we wore them.

We feel GOOD! We have still some margin left on mortgage. We will continue to expend, to lie and to STEAL! Get some more clothes, little editors. We shall need them soon! Meanwhile we will sing to the people. We will TAKE their rights and turn them into wrongs.

Apoean for us. We are the stuff and YOU are the STUFF, little editors.